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DIRECTORY

No one who has not done a similar piece of
work can realize the tremendous task that has
confronted our Historian in his compiling of
the Directory. Brother Houser is certainly
entitled to the thanks of the whole Fraternity.

We did not realize the difficulty of the task
he had performed until we received the 233
pages of manuscript from him. At that mo-
ment our enthusiasm as managing editor
dropped close to the zero point. But through
the splendid assistance volunteered by others
we managed to get the material into its
present form.

Thanks are due to Secretary Warren and
Brother Schacht, who gave us the benefit of
their counsel in connection with obtaining
bids and letting the contract. To Brother
Charles L. Woodfield, of Zeta Chapter, and
Director of the Chicago Typothetae School of
Printing, we are especially indebted for ex-
pert opinion and advice which resulted in a
large saving in printing costs. But he did
not stop with that; he helped us with the
proofreading. For this last-mentioned act of
his we move that his statue be placed in the
Hall of Fame. A. J. M.

Later.—National President Schacht and
Brother F. W. Giesel of Kappa also came to
our rescue on the proofreading, and we wish
to include their names in the motion.

RETRENCHMENT

No doubt you are disappointed that the
Directory number is not printed on as good
paper as former numbers of the Phi Delta
Kappan.

With the depletion in the ranks of the
Active Chapters and a consequent lessened
ability to meet the demands of the National
Budget there came a marked increase in
printing costs.

We shall continue retrenchment until the
present war crisis is over. In the meantime
let us be thankful that the national finances
permit the continuation of the Magazine in
spite of these abnormal war conditions.

A. J. M.

AN APPRECIATION

The Executive Committee herewith presents
to the Fraternity its second directory. The
first was a modest endeavor, befitting the
youth of the organization. It contained only
a few hundred names, and made no attempt
to present more than a chapter index. This
number of The Phi Delta Kappan, our second
directory, contains almost seventeen hundred
names. The 1906-1912 directory contained
the names of nine chapters. The 1906-1916
directory should contain the names of twenty
chapters. Two chapters are lacking. Of
these, one, Northwestern, was installed too
late to be included; the other chapter, I regret
to say, has seemed indifferent to all appeals
on the part of those desirous of having as
nearly perfect a directory as possible.

In addition to the chapter index, as found
in our first directory, this one also presents a
geographical and an alphabetical index, a
radical departure from our first attempt. This
triple index should prove a great convenience
in enabling any brother to find and keep in
touch with any other brother.

The history of the Fraternity is one of
steady progress throughout the ten years of
its existence as a national organization. New
chapters have been granted charters at an
average rate of two each year, and this
fairly represents the growth of strong educa-
tion departments in the colleges and univer-
sities of the country.

If there are any imperfections in the me-
chanical work of the directory, they are due
to no fault of its creator but to the necessity
of saving money at every turn; paper is ex-
pensive, labor costs are high, postage is to
be increased—all reasons for lightening the
stock, decreasing the size of the type, narrow-
ing margins, omitting leads. But we have
done our best.

To the members of the Executive Commit-
tee, and to the members of the council who
saw this directory in the making, any praise
will be mere empty words. To all the mem-
bers of the Fraternity who have not seen the
directory until it appears before them in its
finished form, words will also be empty, for
I lack the power to make them convey to you
any conception of the amount of work—dead
drudgery—in the task now submitted to you
for approval. We all owe to Brother David
Houser a debt that will never be fully paid,
because his successors to the last one will
have a mark to aim at, a directory to copy,
that has been made as it should be made.

In the name of our Fraternity, I wish to
express our deep sense of appreciation to the
three men, who more than any others, have
made the success of this venture possible. First,
to Brother David Houser, who spent hours,
days, months of valuable time in collecting,
arranging, verifying the mass of data that
came to him; second, to Brother Abel J. Mc-
Allister, our efficient Managing Editor, who
has brought the second year of our National
Magazine to a successful close, without any
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himself into the work when the task seemed
hopeless; and finally to Brother Charles
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time, and even more generously of his thorough
knowledge of the technical side of printing
the directory, help which proved of immense
value in these times of high prices.

And to all those privates in the Phi Delta
Kappan army, the corresponding secretaries
of the chapters, who labored long and faith-
fully to gather the material of which direc-
tories are made, we also wish to say, Well
done and Thank you.

F. W. SCHACHT,
National President.